

CCDF Sliding Fee Policies Matrix

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Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) regulations require States and Territories to establish sliding fee scales, which are used to determine each family's contribution to the cost of child care purchased through the child care assistance program. The sliding fee scale for most States and Territories is based on family income and size. Others may take additional factors into consideration when determining a family's contribution, including number of children in care, whether care is full or part time, and/or cost of care.

The following table shows how States and Territories' key sliding fee scales policies compare. Examples are direct excerpts from State and Territory CCDF Plans for FY 2010–2011, policy manuals, and administrative codes. Minor revisions were incorporated in order to enhance readability. Contact CCDF Lead Agencies to obtain copies of CCDF Plans for FY 2010–2011. Contact information for all agencies is available at <http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/statedata/dirs/display.cfm?title=ccdf>. Internet links to State rules and manuals are available at <http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/poptopics/stateadminrules.html>.

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State/Territory	Parental Fee Per Child/Family	Minimum Family Fee	Maximum Family Fee for Multiple Children	Providers Allowed to Charge More Than Payment Rate	Fee Waived for Families With Incomes at 100 Percent of FPIG	When Changes Are Implemented
Alabama*	Parental fee is per child.	\$8.00/week	\$23.00/week for second child	Yes, parents are responsible for fees on optional services they choose to purchase	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (children in protective services)	Changes must be processed within 10 days of learning of changes in parents' situation.
Alaska	Parental fee is per family.	\$13.00/month	\$766.00/month	Yes, parents are responsible for costs that exceed the State rate	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families)	Information not available.
American Samoa	Co-pays are waived for all families because all families served are below poverty level.	No fee	No fee	Yes, parents are responsible for late pick-up fees	All families with incomes below poverty	The child care worker takes prompt action on all changes to determine if the change affects the household's eligibility for child care assistance.
Arizona*	Parental fee is per child. For families receiving Transitional Child Care, there is no co-pay assigned beyond the third child in the family.	\$1.00/day	\$10.00/day for second child	Yes, parents are responsible for costs that exceed the State rate and for additional fees	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families)	Information not available.
Arkansas*	Parental fee is per child.	No fee	80% of provider fee	Yes, but providers must receive approval to charge the difference between rates	All families with incomes below poverty	Action to process the change must be within ten (10) working days of receipt of the change report.
California	Parental fee is per family.	\$2.00/day	\$17.25/day	Yes	All families with incomes below poverty	The application shall be updated within 30 days whenever there is a change in family size, income, public assistance status, need, or if need is based on training or incapacity of the parent.

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Colorado	Parental fee is per family.	\$7.00/month	The fee is increased by \$40.00 for each additional child in care	No	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families and teen parents)	Information not available.
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	Parental fee is per child.	10% of cost of care	20% of cost of care	Yes, parents are responsible for costs that exceed the State rate	No	Information not available.
Connecticut	Parental fee is per family.	2% of gross income	10% of gross income	Yes, parents are responsible for costs that exceed the State rate	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families)	Within 10 days of the date that the Child Care Assistance Program administrator becomes aware of the change in circumstances.
Delaware*	Parental fee is per child.	1% of the cost of care	80% of the cost of care	Yes	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families, children in protective services, and teen parents)	Decrease in services – The first day of the next month Increase in services – The first day of the current month
District of Columbia	Parental fee is per child for the first two children.	No fee	\$9.81 for second child/no fee for additional children	No	Some families with incomes at or below poverty	If eligibility is affected, necessary action is expected to be taken promptly after written notice is given.
Florida	Parental fee is per child. Parental fees vary by early learning coalition. Sliding fee scale for Miami-Dade/Monroe counties is presented.	\$0.80/day	Second and all additional children pay a reduced fee	Yes	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (families who are homeless).	Information not available.

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Georgia*	Family co-payments are based on the family's gross annual income, family size, and the number of children actually receiving subsidized child care. The parental fee is per family. Fee is capped after the sixth child.	No fee	\$55.00 family fee for two children	Yes, parents are responsible for costs that exceed the State rate	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families, children in protective services, and teen parents)	Appropriate action is taken within 10 calendar days of the date of notification.
Guam*	Parental fee is per child.	No fee	50% of cost of care	Yes, parents are responsible for registration fees subsequent to the one-time registration fee paid by the Lead Agency	All families with incomes below poverty	Prompt action on all changes shall be taken to determine if the change reported affects the household's eligibility for child care assistance.
Hawaii	Parental fee is based on reimbursement rate per child.	No fee	20% of payment rate	Yes	All families with incomes below poverty	Changes reported within 10 days are implemented in the first month following the month of notification. Changes reported after 10 days that result in a higher payment are implemented in the second month following the month of notification. Changes that result in a lower payment shall be implemented in the first month following the month of notification.
Idaho	Parental fee is per child.	7% of allowable child care cost	96% of allowable child care cost	Yes, parents are responsible for any costs not paid by the Lead Agency	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families)	Decrease in services – The month following the month the change is reported Increase in services – The month the changes were reported

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Illinois*	Parental fee is per family. Maximum fee increases for each additional child.	\$1.00/month	\$138.00/month	Yes, parents are responsible for any additional fees charged by the provider	No	Information not available.
Indiana*	Parental fee is per family. Family fee will increase by 1% per year of participation not to exceed 15%.	No fee	7% of income	Yes	All families with incomes below poverty	Information not available.
Iowa*	Parental fee is per family.	No fee	\$3.70/half-unit	No	All families with incomes below poverty	When a positive change is reported in a timely manner, the effective date on the notice of decision is the date of the change. When a negative change is reported, the effective date on the notice of decision must be 10 calendar days from the date the notice was sent.
Kansas	Parental fee is per family.	No fee	\$243.00/month	Yes, parents are responsible for any costs not covered by the Lead Agency	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families)	Information not available.
Kentucky*	Parental fee is per family and increases for families with two or more children.	No fee	\$12.00/day for two or more children	Yes	All families with incomes below poverty	Information not available.
Louisiana	Parental fee is per child.	20% of cost of care	60% of cost of care	Yes	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families and children in protective services)	Information not available.

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Maine*	Parental fee is per family. The total amount of fees assessed to a family for all of its children shall not exceed 10% of the family's gross income.	2% of weekly gross income	10% of weekly gross income	No	No	If the parent fee and/or voucher payment changes, the voucher agreement shall be rewritten.
Maryland	Parental fee is per child. There are no additional fees for more children beyond the third child.	1% of total gross annual income	12% of total gross annual income for second and third child	Yes	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families)	Information not available.
Massachusetts*	Parental fee is per child.	No fee	Families pay a discounted fee for each additional child	No	All families with incomes below poverty	Information not available.
Michigan	Parental fee is per child.	5% of payment rate	30% of payment rate	Yes	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families, children in protective services, and children in foster care)	Information not available.
Minnesota*	Parental fee is per family.	No fee	\$65.00/ biweekly	Yes	Some families with incomes at or below poverty	County agencies must take prompt action on changes reported, regardless of the method used by the family to report the change, and must determine or redetermine eligibility without requiring verification of any eligibility factor that did not change.

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Mississippi*	Children in foster care or protective services and children receiving Social Security Income benefits should be assessed a co-pay of \$10.00 per month. Parental fee is per family.	\$10.00/month	\$222.00/month for two or more children	Yes	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families)	Information not available.
Missouri*	Parental fee is per child.	\$1.00/year	\$5.00/day for second child	Yes, parents are responsible for costs that exceed the State rate	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (children in protective services)	Complete any interim eligibility reviews within 15 calendar days from the notification of change.
Montana*	Parental fee is per family.	\$10.00 or 1% of the gross monthly income	\$227.00 or 9.90% of the gross monthly income	Yes, parents are responsible for any additional fees charged by the provider	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (children in protective services)	If any change in circumstance is not prospected when eligibility is determined, the change must be evaluated when reported to the child care resource and referral agency.
Nebraska*	Parental fee is per family and increases with each additional child in care up to a maximum of seven children.	\$61.00/month	\$166.00/month maximum for second child	No	All families with incomes below poverty	Information not available.

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Nevada*	Parental fee is per child.	5% of payment rate	80% of payment rate	Yes, parents are responsible for costs that exceed the State rate	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families and children in protective services)	If the case can be updated without additional verification, update the case within 10 days from receipt of change. If the subsidy is decreased or terminated, allow the 10 calendar day adverse period. If verification is required to update the case, request the information via a Request for Information, and allow the client 10 calendar days to provide the verification.
New Hampshire	The family fee is based on percent of family income regardless of family size and the number of children in care. Parental fee is per family.	1% of family income	20% of family income	Yes, parents are responsible for costs that exceed the State rate	No	Any decrease in child care scholarship or termination of eligibility that results from a change in family circumstances shall be effective 10 working days from the date of the Notice of Decision.
New Jersey*	Parental fee is per child.	No fee	75% of full-time monthly fee is applied for additional children	Yes	All families with incomes below poverty	All changes become effective with the beginning of the next full month of service. In these instances, a new parent/applicant/provider agreement must be completed.
New Mexico*	Parental fee is per child.	No fee	Co-payment for the second child is one-half of the co-pay for the first child	No	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (children in protective services)	Information not available.

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New York	The sliding fee scale varies by locality and local social services district. Fee percentage for New York City is presented (includes Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond counties).	35% of excess family income	35% of excess family income	Yes	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families)	Information not available.
North Carolina*	Parental fee is per family. The fee is usually based on the care provided to the youngest child in the family.	10% of gross monthly income	10% of gross monthly income	Yes, parents are responsible for costs that exceed the State rate and additional fees (enrollment, late pick-up, and activity) charged by the provider	Some families with incomes at or below poverty	The child care worker must react to the change reported by the recipient or the provider within 10 working days by recording the change in the record and determining if the change requires that a notice be sent to the recipient, provider, or other agency staff.
North Dakota	The parental fee is determined as a percentage of the payment rate. There is also a family cap payment. The family pays the lesser of the two amounts. Parental fee is per family.	20% of payment rate up to \$42.00/month	80% of payment rate up to \$365.00/month	Yes, provider may charge extra for meals and snacks	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families and teen parents)	Information not available.
Ohio	Parental fee is per family.	\$1.00/month	\$260.00/month	No	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families)	Information not available.

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Oklahoma	Parental fee is per family and increases depending on the number of children in care.	No fee	\$263.00/month for second child	No	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (children in protective services and children in foster care)	When the client reports a change in a timely manner that increases the subsidized child care benefits, the client and the worker jointly plan the effective date of the change. When the client does not report changes in a timely manner, the earliest date the worker increases the subsidized child care benefits is the first day of the month in which the client reports the change. When possible, the worker plans with the client changes that decrease the subsidized child care benefits before implementing the change.
Oregon*	Parental fee is per family.	\$25.00/month	\$500.00/month	Yes	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families and teen parents)	Information not available.
Pennsylvania*	Parental fee is per family.	\$5.00/week	\$65.00/week	Yes, parents are responsible for costs that exceed the State rate	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families)	A change in a parent's or caretaker's need for child care and the resulting adjustment in the amount of payment to the provider shall begin on the date the parent or caretaker reports the change or on the date the change begins, whichever is later.
Puerto Rico	Parental fee is per child and is discounted for additional children	\$36.00/month	A 50% discount is applied for the second child; a 25% discount is applied for the third child	Yes	All families with incomes below poverty	Information not available.

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Rhode Island	Parental fee is per family.	No fee	8% of family income	No	All families with incomes below poverty	<p>If the change does not adversely affect the family, implementation will begin, in most circumstances, on the first Sunday following the date the report was made. If the resulting change has an adverse impact on the family, change will be implemented within 10 days.</p> <p>For income eligible families, changes in the amount of gross monthly income of \$25 dollars or less need not be reported until the next certification period.</p>
South Carolina	Parental fee is per child.	\$6.00/week	\$17.00/week for second child	Yes, parents are responsible for registration fees not covered by the Lead Agency	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families and children in foster care)	If the change causes the client to be ineligible, services are terminated the first Monday following the 10th working day after the ABC Control Center is notified.
South Dakota*	All gross income is adjusted with a 4% disregard. Co-payments are graduated and capped not to exceed 7.5%. Parental fee is per family.	No fee	\$229.00/month or 7.5% of family's income	Yes, parents are responsible for costs that exceed the State rate	All families with incomes below poverty	Once eligibility is established, only those changes that have a positive impact on the amount of assistance an applicant receives will be made. Changes that may have a negative impact shall be made at the time of renewal.
Tennessee	Parental fee is per child.	\$1.00/week	\$91.00/week for two children	Yes	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families)	Information not available.

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Texas	Parental fee is per family. The Gulf Coast Workforce Board sliding fee scale is presented. Parent fees may be reduced for families who have seven or more members, children who are school age, or children attending the provider part time. Reductions may be applied for extenuating circumstances. Fees may be increased by 1% each year after the first 2 years.	11% of income	13% of income for two or more children	Yes	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families and children in protective services)	Information not available.
Utah	Parental fee is per family.	\$1.00/month	\$240.00/month for second child	Yes, parents are responsible for costs that exceed the State rate	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families and families transitioning off TANF)	Information not available.
Vermont	Parental fee is per child.	No fee	90% of payment rate	Yes, parents are responsible for costs that exceed the State rate	All families with incomes below poverty	Information not available.
Virgin Islands	Parental fee is per family.	No fee	\$10.00/week	Yes	All families with incomes below poverty	Information not available.

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Virginia	Parental fee is per family. Sliding fee scale varies by locality. The Fairfax County fee scale is presented. There is a minimum fee of \$30.10/month; \$7.00/week.	2.5% of gross countable income	11% for second child	Yes	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (TANF families)	A change to the co-payment will be effective at the beginning of the month following the 10-day period of notification. The reduction of a client's co-payment is not considered an adverse action.
Washington	Parental fee is per family.	\$15.00/month	\$50.00/month plus 44% of the difference between family income and 137.50% of FPIG	No	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (children in protective services and families who are homeless)	Information not available.
West Virginia*	Parental fee is per child.	No fee	\$2.50/day for second child	No	Some families with incomes at or below poverty	Information not available.
Wisconsin	Parental fee is per family. It increases based on the number of children in care up to a maximum fee for five children.	\$6.00/week	\$80.00/week for two children in care	Yes	Some families with incomes at or below poverty (children in foster care and families receiving Food Stamps)	Child care administrative agencies shall re-determine parent need for service and eligibility within 10 business days following receipt of a parent's report of a change.
Wyoming*	Parental fee is per child.	\$0.05/hour	\$1.30/hour for two children	Yes, parents are responsible for costs that exceed the State rate	No	Information not available.

FPIG = Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

*The State/Territory reported that if families do not pay their fees, their child care assistance may be terminated.